

Public Involvement Meeting

**Cumberland - Spooner
N Junction County B to
Green Valley Rd
US 63**

Washburn County

Project ID 1550-04-30

**C Spooner, River Street
Green Valley Road to
Greenwood Ave
US 63**

Washburn County

Project ID 1550-06-04

**Spooner - Hayward
Poplar Street to US 53
US 63**

Washburn County

Project ID 1550-22-00



**March 20, 2018
5 to 7:00 p.m.
Spooner City Hall
Spooner, WI**

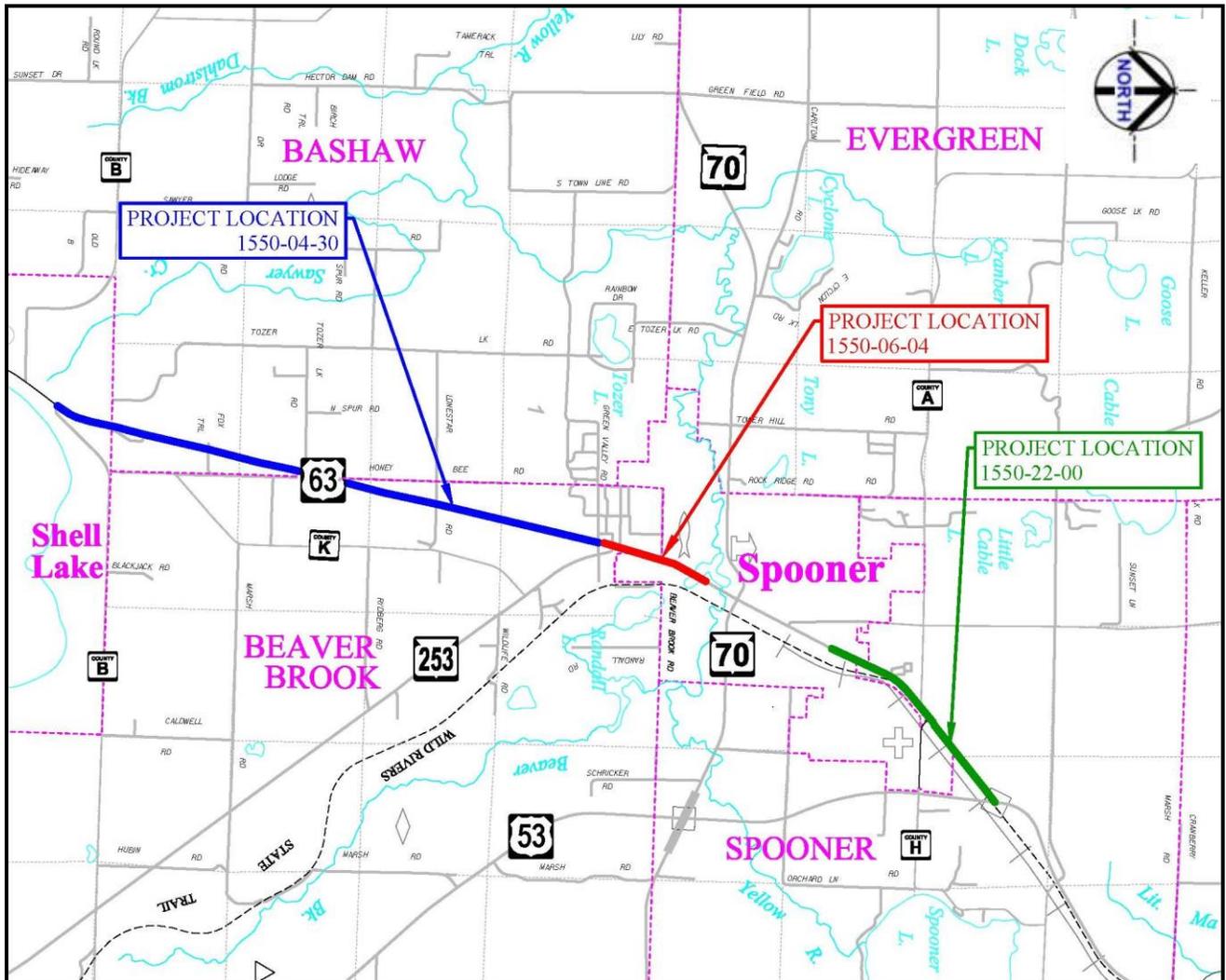
A brief presentation is scheduled to begin at 5:15 p.m.

Purpose of the meeting

The objective of today's meeting is to obtain your input on the identified needs, proposed improvements, and real estate needs. A brief presentation will begin at 5:15 p.m. After the presentation, the meeting will follow an open house format.

The meeting will address US 63 within the following limits:

- North Junction of County B to Green Valley Road (4.2 miles) – city of Shell Lake and towns of Bashaw and Beaver Brook
- Green Valley Road to Greenwood Avenue (1 mile) – town of Beaver Brook and city of Spooner
- Poplar Street to US 53 (1.5 miles) – city of Spooner and town of Spooner



Project Location Map

Purpose and need for roadway improvements

- The existing pavement is deteriorated
- Within the city of Spooner, additional roadside needs are present such as deteriorating guardrails and poor roadside drainage
- Traffic between Beaver Brook Road and the Yellow River causeway is experiencing some inefficiencies due to conflicts between through and turning traffic. Traffic flow is experiencing less than ideal conditions due several factors:
 - Lack of turn lanes at intersections such as Beaver Brook Road and the mall entrance
 - In some locations access is not well-defined; there are wider access points near some of the intersections and multiple access at some properties
 - The number, width, and location of access points can cause conflict with through and turning traffic on US 63
 - Some access/parking areas are occupying existing right-of-way

Proposed improvements

The proposed projects will maintain the existing pavement while making select roadside and traffic operational improvements. The proposed improvements include:

- Resurfacing the highway and shoulder paving
 - The existing US 63 pavement will be milled and overlaid with new asphaltic pavement
 - 5-foot paved shoulders and shoulder rumble strips are proposed between County B and Green Valley Road to reduce the potential for run-off-the road crashes
 - The shoulders between Green Valley Road and the Yellow River causeway will be paved to the maximum extent feasible (3-feet to 5-feet)
 - The project will maintain the 5-foot paved shoulders between Poplar Street and US 53
- Installation of new guardrail and slope grading at the Yellow River causeway
- Modifications of US 63 between Dur-a-bilt Road and the Yellow River causeway to improve traffic flow and better accommodate turning movements including:
 - Minor roadway widening and installation of pavement marking to convert the four-lane section to a three-lane section
 - Construction of new ditches to help define access points and improve roadside drainage
- Spot access modifications (elimination or relocation) to maintain safety and traffic flow
 - Between Dur-a-bilt Road and the Yellow River causeway
 - Between Poplar Street and US 53
- Placement of centerline rumble strips in rural high-speed areas
- Installation of new signing and pavement marking

Real estate

Additional right of way will be required for this project between Dur-a-bilt Road and the Yellow River causeway. This will include permanent (fee) and temporary (Temporary Limited Easement) land acquisitions. Approximate right of way impacts are shown on the exhibits.

Real estate acquisition is expected to begin in summer 2018.

Proposed traffic impacts

An improvement project is currently scheduled for 2020 but could be advanced to 2019. Motorists can expect to encounter daily flagging operations and single lane closures during construction.

Access to adjacent properties will be maintained during construction. Brief interruptions in access may occur temporarily at driveways. The contractor will be required to notify homeowners and businesses prior to construction.

Project update/next steps

- Local officials meetings August 2017 and March 2018
- Public involvement meeting March 2018
- Environmental document Spring 2018
- Preliminary plans (60%) Spring 2018
- Final right of way plat (Spooner) Spring/summer 2018
- Real estate negotiations Summer 2018 to Spring 2019
- Final plans February 2019
- Construction currently scheduled 2020 (2019 if funding becomes available)

Public input/comments

We encourage you to talk to the project representatives and ask them questions. Please forward your comments/input by **April 3, 2018**:

1. Fill out the comment form attached to this document
2. Or email comments or questions to the contacts listed below

Your comments assist us in developing a project that will serve the needs of the traveling public as well as the needs of the local community. Your input is welcome and appreciated throughout the design process. For more information, please contact:

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